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ATTENTION A/SY AND ARA/BC

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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF JOSE FRANCIS MAZZI TAPIA

REF: STATE 159786 AND LA PAZ 4641

1. MAJOR FRANCISCO MAZZI PRADA, A SENIOR POLICE OFFICIAL PRESENTLY SERVING AS COMMANDER OF THE SECOND REGIMENT WHICH HAS JURISDICTION OVER THE EMBASSY NEIGHBORHOOD, VISITED THE AMBASSADOR TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE TO ASSURE THAT HIS SON'S INTERESTS ARE PROTECTED IN THE CASE INVOLVING AN AUTO ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED JULY 5 AT 0230 HOURS IN BOSTON. THE AMBASSADOR PROMISED THAT WE WOULD ASSIST TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE RECOGNIZING THAT THE CASE INVOLVES A LOCAL JURISDICTION.

2. MAJOR MAZZI HAS BEEN ASSURED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL SEND INSTRUCTIONS TO AMBASSADOR CAPRILLES TO HAVE THE BOLIVIAN EMBASSY MAKE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF YOUNG MAZZI. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONFIRM THAT BOLIVIAN EMBASSY INFORMED.

3. THE FATHER HAS ALSO REQUESTED THAT WE CONTACT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER DESIGNATED TO REPRESENT YOUNG MAZZI TO OBTAIN HIS ASSESSMENT OF CASE. IN ADDITION HE WOULD WELCOME AN INDEPENDENT JUDGEMENT ON THE ADVISIBILITY OF OBTAINING A PRIVATE LAWYER TO REPRESENT HIS SON. IF THIS IS DEEMED
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ADVISABLE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE NAMES OF LAWYERS

WHO MIGHT BE PREPARED TO TAKE THE CASE AND AN INDICATION OF THE RANGE OF FEES THAT WOULD BE CHARGED.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE COORDINATION BETWEEN SY AND ARA/BC TO UNDERTAKE THE ABOVE ACTIONS AS APPROPRIATE. IN ADDITION IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO CONVEY TO THE BOSTON AUTHORITIES THE INFORMATION REGARDING MAJOR MAZZI STRESSING THE FACT THAT HE HAS COOPERATED CLOSELY WITH THIS EMBASSY IN CASES INVOLVING AMERICAN CITIZENS, INCLUDING A DEPENDENT OF THE MISSION, AND IS A RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL OF THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT.

5. ADVISE IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN AND ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE.
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